

From the cradle to the city streets
They spill out their aggression
By punching what they don't understand."

; "Hole" by Foetus
"I hear you've got a six-inch guarantee
Of unilateral security..."

; "WRAB- Pirate Television" by Matt Howarth
"Support what you don't understand."

; They Might Be Giants
"Here's a song about falling in love, falling out of love,
and then finding that person and killing them."

; "Watchmen" by Alan Moore
"I don't mind being the smartest man in the world.
I just wish it weren't this one."

; Cover to record album Blastmaster Radio (Keep The Frequency Clear)
"Buy it before it's illegal!"

; Nonesuch records ad.
"You spend one-third of your life asleep. Isn't that enough?"

; T.S. Eliot
"Where is the wisdom we lost in knowledge?
Where is the knowledge we lost in information?"

; Walker Percy
"Lord, grant that my work lead to the betterment of the human condition,
and not the reverse. Failing that, Lord, let it not lead to the complete
destruction of mankind. And, failing that, Lord, please don't let the end
come before my article is published."

; Bob Black
"Pain is just God's way of hurting you."

; "Great Leap Forward", song by Billy Bragg
"If you've got a plan, I want in on it.
Waiting for the great leap forward.
Make your own revolution, cut out the middleman.
Waiting for the great leap forward."

; carlf, commenting on the service at Cafe Sushi.
"Glaciers come and go like the flutter of leaves."

; Negativland, on the "Escape From Noise" album
"That's why we have computers: because nobody is perfect."

; Somebody's .signature
"It is easier to get forgiveness than permission."

; The Dead Kennedys
"Efficiency and Progress are ours once again,
now that we have the neutron bomb."

"Art is anything you can get away with.

Reality is anything you can lay your hands on."

;David Byrne, "True stories"

"Be sexy in business. Be successful at night."

;David Byrne, "True stories"

"Now I am the gun

And you are the bullet

I got the power and glory!

And the money to buy it!

Got your Gulf and Western and your MasterCard.

Got what you wanted, lost what you had."

;David Byrne, "True stories"

"Got what you wanted, lost what you had."

;Timbuk 3

"I study nuclear science, I'm getting good grades.

It's going great, it can only get better.

The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades."

+ ;Tacitus

"The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise."

;David Byrne, 'The Knee Plays from The Civil WARs'

"He made a proposal to build a new tower of babel,

'The Elevator to the Stars'.

It would be held up by space stations in geosynchronous orbit.

Two silver tubes extending into the clouds,

one going up and one going down.

The gods came down and they were as mad as hell."

;; (added by brewster)

;Tolstoy

"BOREDOM: the desire for desires"

;Sheikback (added by brewster)

"Philosophy

don't mean a lot to me,

The value of anything is how much it hurts."

;Mae West.

"Too much of a good thing is WONDERFUL."

- ;Patricia Klauer sez 'This is one I got from a C.S. engineer'

"Reality is a special case"

;Frank Herbert, PanSpechi aphorism from "The Dosadi Experiment" or maybe "Whipping :

- "The more control,

the more that requires control.

This is the road to chaos."

;Found on a poster on the wall of the offices of EE&L enterprises,

It collects dust.
The problem is to remove the dust."

;Wm S Burroughs
"Language is a virus from outer space."

;Laurie Anderson
"Language is a virus from outer space,
and hearing your name
is better than
seeing your face."

;Thomas Dolby, "Dissidents"
"my writing
like tiny insects
in the palm of history"

;Ken Haase
"The means of production must
control the means of production."

;This comes from some song about suicide. If anyone remembers
;what it is exactly, tell me. *Neil Young???*
"Four a.m. and the fear is gone,
Four a.m. and the gun still warm."

;From a kliban (?) cartoon
;"Alas, the Madonna, she does not function."

;h.g. wells?
"The past is but the beginning of the
beginning, and all that is and has been, is
but the twilight of the dawn"

;einstein
"The most incomprehensible thing
about the universe is that it is comprehensible."

;Some episode of Dr. Who
;"Contact has been made."

;Bacon, "The New Atlantis"
"The aim of our Foundation is the knowledge
of causes and the secret motions of things;
and the enlarging of the bounds of human
empire, to the effecting of all things
possible."

;Wm S Burroughs
"Uranian born of Nova Conditions."

;Bob Dylan?
"Never look back."

;Somebody in Artforum magazine
"When we were less sophisticated, we imagined that we saw a

human face in the barren expanse of the moon; when a living man finally reached the moon, we looked at his face and saw reflected back only a wasteland."

;the same somebody

"The power of personal expression conveyed by small, extremely personal work makes small by comparison the monolithic monotony which is the flowering of our own age of darkness."

;ditto

"... the monolithic monotony which is the flowering of our own age of darkness."

;?

"Our vegetable love should grow
Vaster than empires, and more slow."

;Wm S Burroughs

"You have to be free to remember and
he was under sentence of death in
Maximum Security Birth Death Universe."

;George Bernard Shaw? Shakespeare

"There are more things in Heaven and Earth,
Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

;Wm S Burroughs

-- But the technical details you must
understand and the machines -- all of which
contain basic flaws and must be overhauled,
checked, altered whole blocks of computing
machines purged and disconnected from one
minute to the next -- fast our mind waves
and long counts --"

;Blondie, song of the same name

"Fade away and radiate"

;Wm Gibson, "Neuromancer"

"It's not like I'm addicted, it's like my body has developed
this massive drug deficiency."

;title of book, "Theory and design in the First Machine Age."

"The First Machine Age."

;The concept of "Everything They Wanted" is stolen from "Engine
Summer" by John Crowley.

"We will give them Everything They Wanted."

;Star Trek, "Return of the Landru"

"It has been absorbed. It is part
of the Body."

;Douglas Adams, "Hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy"

"Resistance is useless."

;Bacon, "The New Atlantis"?

"The true aim of science is the discovery
of all operations and all possibilities
of operations from immortality to the
meanest mechanical practice."

;H.G. Wells?

"There will come a day when beings now latent
in our thoughts and hidden in our loins
shall stand upon this Earth as one stands
upon a footstool and laugh and reach out
their hands amid the stars."

;Lao Tze, "the book of tao"

"The universe is sacred.
You cannot improve it.
If you try to change it, you will ruin it.
If you try to hold it, you will lose it."

;Ginsberg? Ferlinghetti?

"And for our time
a mushroom cloud to temple all
in rapt devotion, like Elijah
in a whirlwind, heaven bound?"

;Umberto Eco, "The Name of the Rose"

"The library is a great labyrinth, mirror of the
labyrinth of the world."

;ditto

"Omnis mundi creatura
Quasi liber et pictura
Nobis est in speculum."

;Ponius Pilate, "The New Testament"

"What is truth?"

;Ferlinghetti, poem from "Coney Island of the mind"

"5 p.m. to M.I.T.:
 an echo chamber echoing
indifference,
 14 T-squares
 lopsided
in zip jackets & sweat shirts,
 pale & agnostic,
waiting to be bored."

;Gravity's rainbow

"A screaming comes across the sky."

;Your pocket

"Novus Ordo Seclorum"

;Gravity's rainbow

"Unity gain around the loop, unity gain,
zero change, and hush, that way, forever,

these were the secret rhymes of the
childhood of the Discipline of Control --
secret and terrible, as the scarlet
histories say."

;Gravity's rainbow
" "Proud man,\" said the Nguarorerue, \"What are
these data, if not direct revelation? Where have
they come from, if not from the Rocket which
is to be? How do you presume to compare a
number which you have only derived on paper
with a number that is the Rocket's own? Avoid
pride, and design to some compromise value.\"

--Tales of the Schwarzkommando"

;Pink Floyd
"Set the controls for the heart of the sun."

;Button distributed at 1939 world's fair.
"I have seen the future."

;Button distributed at 1939 world's fair.
"I have seen the future, and it works."

;Laurie Anderson
"We've got four big clocks and they're all ticking."

;Gravity's rainbow
" K

V H E

Z"

;Gravity's rainbow
"... the Rocket engine, the deep cry of combustion
that jars the soul, promises escape."

;Frank Zappa
"Dynamo Hum"

;Ira Levin, "This Perfect Day"
"Christ, Marx, Wood and Wei
Gave to us this perfect day."

;Firesign Theater
"Don't crush that dwarf, hand me the pliers."

;movie "The man with two brains"
"- You're trying to play God!
- Somebody has to."

;A.I. Lab graffitti, possibly Grateful dead originally
"Shadow boxing with apocalypse"

;Yeats

"Turning and turning in widening gyre,
the falcon cannot hear the falconer."

;ditto

"The center cannot hold."

;ditto

"The best are without conviction,
and the worst are full of passionate intensity."

;1950s tv comedian

"Greetings over your orthicon tube"

;JFK

"The trumpet summons us again, not as a call to battle,
but as a call to bear the burden of a long twilight
struggle, a struggle against the common enemies of
mankind: ignorance, poverty, disease, and war itself."

;Allan Ginsberg, "Howl"

"I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness,
starving hysterical naked"

;Allan Ginsberg, "Howl"

"who threw potato salad at CCNY lecturers on Dadaism and
subsequently presented themselves on the granite
steps of the madhouse with shaven heads and
harlequin speech of suicide, demanding instantaneous
lobotomy,
and who were given instead the concrete void of insulin
metrasol electricity hydrotherapy psychotherapy
occupational therapy pingpong & amnesia"

;Rocky Horror Picture Show

"Time is fleeting
and madness takes its toll.
But not for very much longer.
I've got to keep control."

;Pere Ubu. Yeah

;"In the real world, in real time...
; Techno-vomit"

;Factory worker quoted as NY Times "Quote of the day"

"The day of smokestacks and factories is over.
We will never see them built again."

;Rocky Horror Picture Show

"A cure for my trouble and pain."

;Allan Ginsberg, "Plutonian Ode"

"Ten pounds of heavy metal dust adrift over gray Alps."

;A poetry reading at the Joy of Movement center

"Too close to Liberty City"

Your parents fed you anyway."

;Dave Bower
"Foreign eye, eye for an eye,
Drowning in headlights
and privacy."

;Most experts
"How hip do you want to be?"

— ;Pink Floyd, "The Final Cut" album
"They flutter behind you, your possible pasts."

;David Byrne, liner notes to CD of "Stop Making Sense" or "Songs from the knee play:
"In the future, it will be next to impossible
to tell girls from boys, even in bed."

;ditto
"In the future, there will be so much going on,
no one will be able to keep track of it."

;postcard by some artists from texas
"A pyramid of broadcasting
billions of viewers trapped inside."

;?
"Beggars can't be choosers, but assassins can be kings."

;"Buckaroo Banzai across the eighth dimension"
"\The future starts tomorrow\"

-- Yoyodyne Corporate Motto"

+ ;me
"Anything that can be done must be done." ✓

;secret TMC corporate motto
"To err is *human*."

;Talkin gHeads, "Fear of Music" album
"There is a party in my mind
And I hope it never stops."

;Talking Heads, "Heaven"
"Heaven is a place where nothing ever happens."

;Traditional saying of my people
"God is dead."

;Talking Heads, "Heaven"
"Heaven is a place where nothing ever happens.
When this kiss is over it will start again.
It will not be any different, it will be exactly the same.
It's hard to imagine that nothing at all
could be so exciting, could be so much fun.
Heaven is a place where nothing ever happens."

;cartoonist, "Parallel universes" Roz Chaste
"Never the experiment, always the control."

;TMC graffitti
"Motion is Progress"

;Talking Heads
"Facts are ugly but facts are true,
Facts don't do what I want them to."

;ditto
"Facts are ugly but facts are true,
Facts all come with a point of view."

;Oingo Boingo, third album
"Faceless surgeons armed with razors
cut out our imaginations."

+ ;me
"Hardwired, the wrath of God."

;Hienlien, "the green hills of earth"
"We pray for one last landing on the globe that gave us birth . . ."

;Neil Young.
"Better to burn out than to fade away."

;Machiavelli?
"Love him as if you are going to hate him someday;
hate him, as if you are to love him."

;Ferlinghetti
" ah yes
 in flattering falsehoods of sleep
we come we conquer all
 but all the while
real standard time ticks on
 and new bottled babies with real teeth
 devour our fantastic
 fictioned future"

— ;Ferlinghetti
"Outside the leaves were falling,
 and they cried
 Too soon! Too soon!"

;The Bible? The Nag Hammadi Manuscripts?
"In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God
And the Word was God."

;The Clash, seen on a t-shirt
"The future is written in letters of blood"

— ;Dave Sim, "Cerebus the Aardvark"
"- What do you believe?"

and too far from the American dream."

+ ;Firesign Theater

"Man, woman, child, all up against the wall of SCIENCE."

;Einstein

"Insofar as mathematical laws refer to the real world, they are not certain, and insofar as they are certain, they do not refer to the real world."

;Story of the same name by barry longyear(?)

"In the good old days of liquid fuel"

;Donald Fagen, "The nightfly" album

"Just machines to make big decisions,

Programmed by fellas with compassion and vision.

Oh what a beautiful world that will be!"

;mom

"Life is real, life is earnest"

;traditional

"It is better to have loved and lost
than never to have loved at all."

;Bob Dylan! *Psychokinetic Force?*

"Something is going on here and you don't know
what it is, do you, Mr. Jones?"

;Borges

"Orbis terrarum est speculum mundi."

;ditto

"The circle of the Earth is the mirror of the game."

;Ginsberg, "Plutonian Ode"

"Oh doomed plutonium!"

;Ferlinghetti?

"War is good business.

Invest your son."

;me and Fred Blundell

"Support death and it will support you."

;Shakespeare

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
which, taken at the flood, doth lead to victory."

;Descartes

"Cogito Ergo Sum"

! ;George Boolos, in lecture

"For the moment, we will assume something exists." ✓

;Some stupid SF story.

Shoes for the dead!"

;Ramones, "Lobotomy"
"Slugs and snails don't bother me
Cause I've done too much DDT.
I guess some day I'll have to tell 'em:
I ain't got no cerebellum.
I'm just a teenage lobotomy!
Lobotomy! Lobotomy!"

;A.I. lab graffitti
"Little wheel turned by fire and rod,
Big wheel turned by the grace of God"

;?
"Esse Est Percepe"

;Ted Sturgeon, "Going down Smooth"?
"Going down smooth.
Going down smooth.
Going down smooth.
Going down smooth.
Going down smooth.
Going down smooth."

;Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C Clarke, "2001"
"Dave, my mind is going. I can feel it, Dave."

;The Doors, "The End"
"This is this the end, beautiful friend.
Of everything that ends, the end.
This is the end."

;Bob Dylan
"The times they are a'changing."

;grandma
"And this too shall pass away."

+ ;George Lucas, "THX1138"
"Remember:
Increase efficiency, maximize production, and be happy."

;Story in Galaxy magazine when I was in high school
"Duty done is the City won."

;Some renaissance prince
;"Let's see who has the bigger balls, the Pope or I!"

;Hienlien, "The Moon is a Harsh Mistress"
"Hello, Manuel, my only human friend."

- ;Slightly modified
"Hello, Carl, my only human friend."

;Henry Kuttner, first story in "Robots Have no Tails"

- I believe that it is harder to see at night than in the daytime.
- And not much else besides?
- And not much else besides."

;me
"I hate reality."

;Dave Sim, "Cerebus the Aardvark"
"Anything done for the first time unleashes a demon."

;Artforum magazine
"Technique! The very word is like the shriek
Of outraged Art. It is the idiot name
Given to effort by those who are too weak,
Too weary, or too dull to play the game."

;Somtow Sucharitkul, "The light on the sound"?
"The breaking of joy is the beginning of wisdom."

;Laurie Anderson
"TALK NORMAL"

;Bob Dylan
"There are no kings inside the gates of Eden."

;Arthur C Clarke
"A sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

;Sam Kendall
"Any sufficiently advanced skill is indistinguishable from luck."

;Bob Dylan
"There are no sins inside the gates of Eden."

— ;pop
"What I cannot create, I do not understand."

;?
"Each day I learn a little more,
I don't know why but I do know what for."

;Blondie, "Fade Away and Radiate"
"Wrapped like candy, in a cool blue neon glow."

;me
"The mind is a mirror.
It collects dust.
The problem is to remove the mirror."

;;karl sims's reply. put here by brewster
;"The mind is dust.
;It collects mirrors.
;The problem is what do the mirrors reflect."

;Zen saying quoted by John Cage
"The mind is a mirror."

I want drugs from the Twilight Zone.
I wanna never never never never say NO."

;Brian Eno
"All the clouds turn to words
All the words float in sequence
No one knows what they mean
Everyone just ignores them."

;Talking heads
"Lost my shape, trying to act casual."

;Harlan Ellison
"The two commonest things in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity."

;Shreikback, "Nemesis"
"How bad it gets, you can't imagine:
the burning wax, the breath of reptiles..."

;Robert S. Thau, inadvertently
"We're moving in stereo."

- ;carlf
"The faster life runs, the better it looks."

;Off the net
"There's a fine line between ignorance and arrogance,
and here at Doctor Science Laboratories, we've managed to
eliminate that line completely! But can America?"

;Phil Agre's father
"Some people go through life without ever
knowing what it's like to understand something."

+ ;Shreikback, song "Gunning for the Buddha", album "Big Night Music"
"We're on the road and we're gunning for the Buddha."

;The signature of oster@lapis.berkeley.edu
"The goal of Computer Science is to build something
that will last at least until we've finished building it."

;Carlf
"All die. No blame."

;Michael Albergo's friend Tom, during a D&D game.
"Nothing good lives in fog."

;Stewart Brand, Whole Earth Review Winter 1986
"The language of science is the language of entertainment."

;Wang Chung, name of song unknown.
"Our words have power.
They make reality."

;Buddha
"The world, indeed, is like a dream and the treasures of the world are

my IBM PC, and my IRA, and realized that I wasn't cool anymore."

;Norman Spinrad?, "Under New York"? "Relics of the Space Agers"?
"Their souls were not as ours."

;Peter Gabriel, "Security" album
"Suffocated by mirrors, stained by dreams."

4 ;Laurie Anderson, "Big Science"
"Big Science, Hallelujah."

;?
"Each age is a dream that is dying,
or one that is coming to birth."

;Wm. S. Burroughs
"THIS IS WAR TO EXTERMINATION, FIGHT CELL BY CELL THROUGH BODIES
AND MIND SCREENS OF THE EARTH. SOULS ROTTEN FROM THE ORGASM
DRUG, FLESH SHUDDERING FROM THE OVENS, PRISONERS OF THE EARTH
COME OUT. STORM THE STUDIO --"

;Ditto
"\Death in The Ovens\
\"Death by Centipede\""

;Robert Anton Wilson, "The Earth will shake"
"Every machine is a thought that produces wealth"

✓ ;Laurie Anderson, in lecture
"One real world is enough"

;me
"One real world is not enough"

;Jeff
"Six real worlds will generally be sufficient in most foreseeable circumstances."

— ;"Time Travel for Pedestrians", collected in "Again Dangerous Visions", author forgot
"Masturbation fantasy is the last frontier."

;Wm Blake? Alexander Pope?
"I will not cease from Mental Flight,
Nor shall the Sword sleep in my hand:
Till we have built Jerusalem,
In England's green & pleasant Land."

;Pink Floyd, The Wall
"You are only coming through in waves.
Your lips move but I can't hear what you're saying."

;ditto
"I have become comfortably numb."

;TMC graffiti
"Everything that can be built must be built."

; "N'hee G'hee likes the old ways best!"

; Beta Chip in-code comment string, probably put there by Danny Hillis
"The golden apples of the Sun,
the silver apples of the Moon"

; ?, quoted by Angus McKie, "So beautiful and so dangerous"
"Existence Precedes Essence"

; Angus McKie, "So beautiful and so dangerous"
"Eric Arthur Blair was here 1984"

; Gravity's Rainbow
"Secret lines of control"

; ?
"Nothing in his life became him as the leaving of it."

+ ; Rudy Rucker, "Software"
"Save your software. The rest is meat."

; Euler
"Non notationes sed notiones"

; Julius Caesar
"Alea jacta est"

; Voltaire, "Micromegas"
"We say that which we do not understand in the language
we understand the least."

; ?, quoted by Angus McKie, "So beautiful and so dangerous"
"The optimist believes we live in the best of all possible
worlds. The pessimist fears that this is so."

; Socrates?
"Gnothe seauton"

; X, "Los Angeles" album ✓
"Speak in secret alphabets"

; John Brunner, "Stand on Zanzibar"
"Christ, what an imagination I've got!"

; Bill Griffith, "Zippy the Pinhead"
"Yow! I am having fun!"

; ditto
"Yow! Am I having fun yet?"

; Gibert Sheldon, "The fabulous furry freak brothers":
"Dope will get you through times of no money
better than money will get you through times of no dope."

; firesign theater
"Shoes for industry!"

; Howard Chaykin?
"I don't believe in sweeping social change
being caused by one person,
unless he has an atomic weapon."

;"Desolation Road", Ian McDonald
"He slept, and dreamed a steel dream. In this dream
titanic machines the color of rust peeled back the skin
of the desert and laid iron eggs in its tender flesh.
The eggs hatched into squirming metal larvae, hungry
for hematite, magnetite, and kidney ore. The
steel maggots built for themselves a towering nest
of chimneys and furnaces, a city of belching smoke
and hissing steam, of ringing hammers and flying sparks,
of rivers of white molten steel and pulpy white
worker drones who served the maggots."

;Rev. Jim Jones, Jonestown, Guyana 18 nov 1978
"It is only... it's not, it's not worth living
like this, worth living like this."

;Last words of Rev. Jim Jones, Jonestown, Guyana, 18 nov 1978
"We'll set an example for others... one thousand people
who've said we don't like the way the world is."

;Joseph Glanvill, 1661 (quoted by John Dorsey of Georgia Tech)
"To converse at the distance of the Indies
by means of sympathetic contrivances may be as natural
to future times as to us is a literary correspondence."

;m.d.
;"Religion arises from fear of meaninglessness."

;Terry Gilliam, "Brazil"
"Suspicion breeds confidence."

;Cliff Lasser
"Why say it in English when you can say it in code?"

;The poem "Nightwork" on the walls of the Kendall Square station.
"Everything you see has been made by someone."

;A song by That Petrol Emotion
"Dazed and confused at four in the afternoon."

;Genesis 11:6
"... they have all one language; and this is
only the beginning of what they will do;
and nothing that they propose to do
will now be impossible for them."

;Dave Sim & Bob Burden, "Cerebus" #104
"Success taps softly on the back door
in the middle of the night. Never rings the bell.
Disaster comes through the living room window
with headlights on and sirens blaring."

;Skef
"Everything easy has already been done.
Anything not yet done is impossible.
We wait for an upcoming post-postmodern tomorrow
In which we'll remember the future
And predict the past."

;Samuel Delany, one of the Neveryon stories.
"We live in a barbaric and primitive age."

;Niven & Pournelle, "Oath of Fealty".
"Think of it as evolution in action."

;from the a person I met on the road -brewster
"The only thing we learn from history
is that we don't learn from history"

;Marlowe, "Dr. Faustus"
"Faustus is gone; regard his hellish fall,
Whose fiendful fortune may exhort the wise
Only to wonder at unlawful things,
Whose deepness doth entice such forward wits
To practise more than heavenly power permits."

;Nietzsche, "Thus spake zarathustra", quoted by Moore, "Miracleman", #1
"Behold:
I teach you the superman.
He is this lightning.
He is this madness."

+
;The Tao of Programming
"The mainframe sits like an ancient sage meditating in the midst of the
data center. Its disk drives lie end-to-end like a great ocean of
machinery. The software is as multifaceted as a diamond and as
convoluted as a primeval jungle."

The programs, each unique, move through the system like a swift-flowing
river. That is why I am happy where I am."

;barnes and barnes -brewster
;"Fish heads, fish heads
;Roly-poly fish heads.
;Fish heads, fish heads,
;Eat them up, yum"

;from alice mulvehill from somewhere
"no snowflake ever falls in the wrong place."

;talking heads
"Facts are living turned inside out."

—
;Shreikback
"I'm gonna tell you what I really want:
I want a home that's miles from home.
I wanna live with Halo Jones."

*speed up time
perfect Rev*

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;J.R. "Bob" Dobbs
"Abortion is murder, but it's murder in self-defense."

;Oswald Brews
"\\"So, what do you play?\" \\"Fast.\\"
\\"Is that it?\" \\"No. Loud, too.\\\""

;Greg Earle
"See, I come from the In Your Face Cultural Terrorist school
of sartorial style. Nowadays it doesn't matter very much, so I've mutated
to the 'Who Gives A Fuck I'll Look Like A Slob' look."

; A usenet message by Ron Warren Evans
"Write this sentence somewhere else."

;Dave Barry?
"No pain, no pain."

;? *Nietzsche*
"What does not destroy me makes me stronger."

;Marc Pack
"Try it out on some dogs first, just to get the hang of it."

; SHARKEY'S DAY by Laurie Anderson
"They're making mechanical trees.
They grow to their full height
And then they chop themselves down."

; Randy of the redwoods, Duck's Breath Theatre
" So I got up this morning and went to the Dairy
Queen to get a milk shake. I went up to the window
and ordered a shake and the waitress just stood
there for three hours staring back at me . . . finally
I realized that I was standing in front of my bathroom
mirror.

Funny thing was, I got the milk shake anyway."

;Adam Smith, "The wealth of nations"
"... the law ought always to trust people
with the care of their own interest,
as in their local situations they
must generally be able to judge better of it
than the legislator can do."

;Schoonmaker, "The Parable of the Tribes"
"As inner restraint serves outward power,
selection favors the culture of discipline."

can't
;reeves@cs.ucla.edu
". . . Black-robed acolytes passing out animal body parts in airport
lobbies, now that their constitutional rights have been established."

- ;Rich Rosen, on the subgenius mailing list.
"Anything's possible, but only a few things actually happen."

; Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension
"History is made at night.
Character is what you are in the dark."

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; Phil Agre on bug-sdl, 2 april 1988
"Before we have our own private thoughts, before we can
fall prey to insidious and tragic failures of communication, before
we even feel the need to engage in positive acts of imparting
information to one another at all, we dwell together in a radically
inarticulable common world whose roots reach bottomlessly into our
commonalities of biology and cultural heritage."

; Song on WFNX
"Reagan finally cracked and the yankees went to war.
We peeled away the bandages and leapt into the sore."

;NASA motto
"Per ardua ad astra"

;William Gibson, "The Gernsback Continuum"
"Capable of generating powerful bursts
of raw technological enthusiasm"

;William Gibson, "The Gernsback Continuum"
"In the 1930's, Ming the Merciless was put in charge of designing
Californian filling stations. He favored the architecture of
his native Mongo, and so he drove along the coast erecting
ray-gun emplacements out of white stucco."

;Jim Salem
"A virus is a language from outer space."

;Talking Heads, "Flowers"
"If this is paradise,
I wish I had a lawnmower."

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;Voltaire, "Candide"
"Let us work without theorizing; it is
the only way to make life endurable."

"Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the Death of his servants
--Psalm 116:13"

;Richard Brautigan
"I like to think
(it has to be!)
of a cybernetic ecology
where we are free of our labors
and joined back to nature,
returned to our mammal
brothers and sisters,
and all watched over
by machines of loving grace."

and it's only fear under another name."

;Previous Director of Project Athena, quoted by Gary Dryfoos
"Occasionally, you may experience some of the frustration
that always is associated with being on the leading edge
of a new technology."

;Brewster

"How many bits can you fit on the head of a pin?"

;;by brewster inserted by brewster

"Paper and flesh are fleeting media for the treasures that are ideas."

;adam birnbaum's .plan file at tmc

;"Plan:

; eat,sleep,graduate,eat,sleep,get married,eat,sleep,die."

;Pere Ubu, "We have the technology", album "The Tenement Year"

"How I wish we could take this moment

& freeze it

To come back again & again & again

To hold it to the light

turn it in our hands

To study all the angles

To find out How

and Why

it's gotta go the way that it goes

We have the technology
not available before"

car #;Pere Ubu, "We have the technology", album "The Tenement Year"

"We have the technology

But thinkers & poets of the past

Oh, no

They had to leap into the dark so blindly

Whereas we'll stand free and upright like men

The day's golden light!

Linked with our machines our eyes are beaming

It won't matter at all

How weird

things are seeming

We have the technology
not available before"

;Pere Ubu, "We have the technology", album "The Tenement Year"

"We need the means to dig deeper

To search below the surface appearance of things

World's never dreamed of!"

;Pere Ubu, "We have the technology", album "The Tenement Year"

"What a wonderful life if, darling

that moment

Might be found wherein we come unstuck
completely:

organization as incomprehensible to Europeans as alchemy or a dead Oriental language."

;Heard on WFNX

"Everybody does what the body will allow."

;A T-shirt

"Uniform choice."

;A protest sign

"One world, no second chance."

;Polya (told by gls, added by brewster)

"This principle is so perfectly general that no particular application of it is possible."

;from straz (added by brewster)

;"Swillmart - \"Where Quality is a Slogan\""

; From a Liberian history book (added by JBS)

"...the Society itself was being splattered with unwanted names; it was being labeled a cheap front for vested (and hypocritical) interests, a rendezvous for politicians in quest of noble images, a rallying point for divergent crackpots, ranging from the most wild-eyed abolitionists to the most fishy-eyed proponents of slavery.

In the living language of the times the ACS had remained mixed up as a mad dog's guts...."

;"Count Zero" by Wm. Gibson

"It doesn't tell the whole story. Remember that. Nothing ever does..."

;"AEgypt" by John Crowley

"Almost no one that he'd known in the city knew anyone else he had known, and so to each new acquaintance he was able to present a separate and partial character, an ad hoc personality specially adapted to the circumstances (bookstore, bar, Brooklyn) but too flimsy to support more than a single other person at close range, or two at the most."

;"AEgypt" by John Crowley

"There was no joy Pierce knew like the joy of finding himself freely chosen by the object of his desire, no joy even remotely like it. The astonished gratification of it, the sudden certainty, as though a hawk had chosen to fall out of the sky and settle on his wrist, still wild, still free, but his."

Cont
+ ;New Hampshire

"Live free or die."

— ;Bladerunner

"All these moments will be lost, in time, like tears in rain."

;Boston Globe

"Dull-witted Heavies stand around the arty rubblescape sharpening their knives."

;Alex Schure

"Our vision is to speed up time, eventually eliminating it."

; Tagline from message by hofmann@itd.nrl.navy.mil (Jim Hofmann 5573)
"they all know the words but the music is doomed...dance on"

; Album "Hole" by Scraping foetus off the wheel.
"You've got fetus on your breath."

; "Islands in the Net" by Bruce Sterling
"If something was possible -- didn't that mean that somewhere, somehow, someone had to do it? The voodoo urge to truck with demons. The imp of the perverse. Deep in the human spirit, the carnivorous shadow of science."

+ ; "Islands in the Net" by Bruce Sterling
"I'm not innocent enough to let chaos alone. I stink of the Net. Of power and planning and data, and the Western method, and the pure inability to let anything alone. Ever. Even if it destroys my own freedom."

; "Islands in the Net" by Bruce Sterling
"Scientists and engineers, we brothers, who do the world's real work -- where is our freedom? Where? We have no freedom! We cannot follow our dreams, our visions. Governments and corporations break us to their harness! For them, we make only colored toothpaste, softer toilet paper, bigger TVs to stupefy the masses!"

; The book of the Sub Genius
"He who is rich in Slack is richer than the most statused Conspiracy thingmonger."

Cariff
+ ; Mao Tse-Tung
"Perpetual Revolution!"

| ; Don Van Vliet
"Somebody's had too much to think."

; "Under the Christmas Fish" by The Digits
"I'm gonna live my life
Under a big strobe light."

; "The Motion of Light in Water" by Samuel Delany
"... converting a social situation to a sexual one."

; "Triton" by Samuel Delany
"What frustrates me is that you *do* adhere to some kind of code of good manners, proper behavior, or the right thing to do, and yet you are so emotionally lazy that you are incapable of implementing the only valid reason that any such code ever came about: to put people at ease, to make them feel better, to promote social communion. If you ever acheive that, it's only to the credit of whoever designed the behavior code a hundred years back."

; "Triton" by Samuel Delany, Appendix B (Ashima Slade and the Harbin-Y Lectures: So
"... the only difference between distortion and organization -- between noise and information -- is the ability of the receiving system to interpret."

; Robert Heinlein, "The Notebooks of Lazarus Long."

+ ;National Lampoon, "Science" issue
"Large dangerous things that go fast"

;Devo, "Girl U Want"
"She sits in the shade of the greenhouse tree
Emits an aroma of undefined love
It drips on down like a mist from above"

;?
"The universe is not only stranger than we imagine,
it is stranger than we can imagine."

;Book of the same title
"All that is solid melts into air."

;Friderich Durrenblatt, "The Physicists"
"I have no memory of breathing Earth."

;Hienlien
"The cool green hills of Earth"

;Intaferon, "Getoutoflondon"
"Threw a party for my friends so I wouldn't be lonely,
They didn't let me in, said it's MEMBERSHIP ONLY."

— ;Freud
"As a path to happiness, work is not highly prized by
men. They do not strive after it as they do after other
possibilities of satisfaction. The great majority of
people only work under the stress of necessity, and
this natural human aversion to work raises most
difficult social problems."

;Pink Floyd
"Atom heart mother"

;Orchestral Manuvers in the Dark, "Genetic Engineering"
"These are little children, the future in our hands.
All these children on this earth inherit all our plans.

These are lives, they tell us, but this is the only way.

baby	mother
hospital	scissors
creature	judgement
butcher	ENGINEER"

— ;ditto
"Efficient, logical, effective, and practical.
Using all resources to the best of our abilities.
Changing, designing, adapting our mentalities.
Improving our abilities for a better way of life."

;ditto
"These are lives, they tell us, but this is the only way."

Flap A from Slot B,
slapping in the wind!"

;Ad for Krug International, AW&ST 17 July 89 p. 63.

"Our man-rated countermeasures for offsetting the effects of severe human stressors feature an array of biotechnologies which assure maximal user safety, high performance, and operational economy."

;Diana E. Carroll's .sig file

"It happens. Sometimes people just explode. Natural causes."

;Pink Floyd

"There's someone in my head, but it's not me."

;"Wendel on the Rebound" by Tom Cruse(?)

"A randomly abrasive and drug-warped loudmouth, she views her psychopathic personality traits as tools for human liberation rather than as ends in themselves."

;Henry Elsworth, Annual Report of the Commisioner of the Patent Office, 1844.

"The advancement of the arts, from year to year, taxes our credulity and seems to presage the arrival of that period when human improvement must end."

;;Thinking machines motto (added by brewster)

"Science is marketing."

;Song by Dinosaur Jr?

"Dodge the bullets or carry a gun, the choice is yours."

;Carl Feynman

"My metabolism conspires against me."

;Guy Lewis Steele Jr.

"They wouldn't have bothered to make it illegal if it weren't useful."

;;Mr New brewster's high school physics teacher. (added by brewster)

"In a hundred years we will all be dead."

;"ETC", issue 1

"Knowledge is useless if you can't make it do something."

;from Life is a Dream

"Even in a dream, it is important to do the right thing."

;SBus specification, slightly edited to preserve anonymity.

"Deadlocks can occur when a board is capable of being both a slave and DMA master. Such a module typically selects either its master or slave mode, and a deadlock occurs when the CPU attempts to control the module after the module has switched to its master mode."

;"Refiner's Fire" by Mark Helprin

"The Germans had beaten them so badly because, at least in part, the Germans were so well organized. But the Germans had been beaten in turn by the Americans, who were savage and rich. America was clean; everything worked; everyone was sensible and fair; they had in America methods of

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Heinlein

"Sex is not the answer. Sex is the question. Yes is the answer."

; Portion of scientological database snarfed off the net. Subgenius digest #124

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ANGER	1.5	
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SACRIFICE	-6.0	SEX	
HIDING	-10.0	WAIT	
BEING NOTHING	-20.0	UNCONSCIOUS	
CAN'T HIDE	-30.0		
TOTAL FAILURE	-40.0	UNKNOWABLE	"

;"Lucretia my Reflection" by Sisters of Mercy

"I hear the roar of a big machine.

Two worlds and in between

Hot metal and methedrine.

I hear empire down."

;"Obsolete" by Manufacture

"The State has proven that there is no God."

;"Take My Brain Away" Young Fresh Fellows

"take my brain away, and all the paperwork for it..."

;Steve Strassman

"I vote for asparagus: it's much harder to weave rotten fish."

;Anne Clark

"As a sleeper in metropolis

You are insignificance

Dreams become strangled in the system

Environment moves over the sleeper:

Conditioned air

Conditions sedated breathing

The sensation of viscose sheets on naked flesh

Soft and warm

But lonesome in the blackened ocean of night."

;Anne Clark

"Brilcreemed, acrylic, mindless boys

Punching, kicking, making noise

Sweet dreams are made of this."

+ ;?

"Avoid eye contact. If there are no eyes, avoid all contact."

;Alan Moore, "V for Vendetta"

"STRENGTH
THROUGH
PURITY
THROUGH
FAITH"

;Secret book of John 1:17

"I have come to tell you about
what is,
what was,
and what is to come,
that you may understand what is invisible and
what is visible; and to teach you about perfect humanity"

;SJohn 11:8 - 10

"The rulers took Adam, and put Adam in Paradise. They said,
'Eat, and be Merry!' But their pleasure is bitter and their
beauty is perverse.

Their pleasure is a trap,
their trees are evil,
their fruit is deadly poison,
their promise is death.

They put their Tree of Life in the middle of Paradise."

;Patti Smith, "Babelogue"?

"I don't fuck with the past"

;The Eurythmics, "No fear, no hate, no pain" on "touch" album

"No fear, no hate, no pain, no broken hearts.
And you say: Nobody told me it would be like this."

;Artforum: some ny artist put this on a banner-of-lights sign endlessly streaming by
" IMPOSING ORDER IS MANS VOCATION FOR CHAOS IS HELL IMPOSING ORDER IS MANS VOCATION

;The Who?

"Hope I die before I get old."

;Gang of Four?

"Three steps forward, two steps back.
Two steps back.
Two steps back."

"One step forward, two steps back"
-Lenin

~ ;Talking Heads?

"The burning keeps me alive."

;Some Reggae singer. Yellowman?

~ ;"Nobody move, nobody get hurt."

;Yuppie quoted in the boston phoenix

— "So I woke up one day at age 30, and looked at my BMW,

an alluring mirage. Like the apparent distances in a picture, things have no reality in themselves but are like heat haze."

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;Shreikback
"the film is running
till the film runs out
ain't no point of focus
it zooms in and out
it's information and it leaves no mark
it's just as permanent
as painting in the iron age"
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;Doc Chaos
"NORMAL SERVICE NO LONGER EXISTS"
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;Timbuk3
"Paul was a poor little rich boy, he never had to cry.
When he complained of aches and pains, the doctors would drop by.
Now he goes to parlors, where the prettiest girls in town
Get paid five hundred dollars just to kick him when he's down.
Life is hard."
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| ; off the net, only attribution is "The astronomer Francesco Sizi, a contemporary of
| "There are seven windows in the head, two nostrils, two ears,
| two eyes, and a mouth; so in the heavens there are two
| favorable stars, two unpropitious, two luminaries, and
| Mercury alone undecided and indifferent. From which and
| many other similar phenomena of nature such as the seven
| metals, etc., which it were tedious to enumerate, we gather
| that the number of planets is necessarily seven. . .
| Moreover, the satellites are invisible to the naked eye and
| therefore can have no influence on the earth and therefore
| would be useless and therefore do not exist."

— ;Don DeLillo, "White Noise"
"Whatever relaxes you is dangerous."

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;Don DeLillo, "White Noise"
"WARNING. Do not write down your code. Do not carry your
code on your person. REMEMBER. You cannot access your
account unless your code is entered properly. Know your code.
Reveal your code to no one. Only your code allows you to enter the system."
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;Andy Warhol, "America"
"We were seeing the future and we knew it for sure. I saw people
walking around in it without knowing it, because they were still
thinking in the past, in the references of the past. But all you
had to do was KNOW you were in the future, and that's what
put you there.
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The mystery was gone, but the amazement was just starting."

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;1984 campaign slogan, as reported in Andy Warhol, "America"
"We can't ALL be computer engineers."
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;carlf
"Politics is the amphetamine of the masses."

;Alan Moore, "Watchmen"
"Man goes to doctor. Says he's depressed. Says life seems harsh and cruel. Says he feels all alone in a threatening world where what lies ahead is vague and uncertain. Doctor says 'Treatment is simple. Great clown Pagliacci is in town tonight. Go and see him. That should pick you up.' Man bursts into tears. Says 'But, doctor . . . I am Pagliacci.' "

;Alan Moore, "Watchmen"
"We do not do it because we want to.
We do not do it because it is permitted.
We do it because we are compelled."

;Alan Moore, "Watchmen"
"Born from oblivion; bear children, hellbound as ourselves; go into oblivion. There is nothing else."

;Alan Moore, "Watchmen"
"Who watches the watchmen?"

;;the residents
" Truth comes out of fiction,
love comes out of friction.
Purity is interesting,
but so is superstition."

;Laurie Anderson
"Paradise is just like where you are right now...
Only much, much, better."

;Max Clowes, quoted by Dave Waltz
"Vision is controlled hallucination."

;George Steiner, "Has truth a future?", The Listener, Jan 1978
"There may be between man's survival and certain truths, between man's hopes of justice and decency and certain categories of truth, a fundamental incompatibility. It is now conceivable that the truth lies in wait for man, as it did for Oedipus, the solver of riddles, where the three ways meet. It is conceivable that the rage for insight, the hunter's cry, which infected the western mind almost 3000 years ago, is leading us into ambush."

;The above, edited by carlf for dewafflement.
"There is between man's survival and certain truths, between man's hopes of justice and decency and certain categories of truth, a fundamental incompatibility. Now, the truth lies in wait for man, as it did for Oedipus, the solver of riddles, where the three ways meet. The rage for insight, the hunter's cry, which infected the western mind 3000 years ago, is leading us into ambush."

;Ian Lee, "The third word war: apostrophe theory"

;the largest prostitution ring in northern california. Reported
;in Risks Digest vol 3 #38.
"Reality is nothing but a collective hunch."

;Signature file of Gene Ward Smith of the Berkely math dept.
"Imagine what the world would be like if football was a worthy ritual
performed in stadiums but mathematics was a misunderstood activity
ignored by almost all."

;Some frenchman.
"Every man for himself and God against all."

;Some english band
"I've seen the future; I can't afford it."

;me
"Reality is Obsolete"

— ;me
"Helping to make reality obsolete."

;Heard on WZBC, in a song in French. Translated into English by yours truly.
"Electronic Bulldozer."

;Art of Noise, "Close to the Edit"
"Close to the edge."

— ;Paris Graffiti, 1968
"Life without dead time"

;me
"Life without Boredom"

; Pere Ubu, "terminal tower" album
"The girls won't touch me cause I got a misdirection,
and living at night isn't helping my complexion.
Guess I'm just a victim of Natural Selection.

I don't need a cure, I need a Final Solution."

— ;brewster
"There is no 'avant garde';
there are only people who are a little late."

;some Futurist quoted in "Theory and design in the first machine age"
"We are all of us merely lighting effects."

;me
"There are no souls, only states of mind."

;ai lab graffitti
"There are no souls, only mental states."

;Bruce Sterling, "Schismatrix", the cataclyst's speech, pg 157
"We want all eyes open, all the time."

;Bruce Sterling, "Schismatrix", the cataclyst's speech, pg 157
"We don't think the way they want us to, and they'll kill us for it.
But not until we've pried the worldskull open and put our wires in."

~~;~~ Bruce Sterling, "Schismatrix", the cataclyst's speech, pg 157
"We don't think the way they want us to, and they'll kill us for it."

;Shriekback, "Nemesis"
"We drink elixirs that we refine from the juices of the dying.
We are not monsters, we're moral people,
and yet we have the strength to do this.
This is the splendor of our achievement."

;Shriekback, "Nemesis"
"God is not mocked, he knows our business.
All this could end at any moment."

;Shreikback, "Oil and Gold" album
"You know it's never been so exotic."

;Shreikback, "Oil and Gold" album
"Just one slip and we could lose ourselves forever."

;David Byrne, liner notes to CD of "Stop Making Sense"
"You have to be trusted by the people that you lie to."

;?
"Reality is a crutch."

;?
"Brighter than a thousand suns."

;?
"You can tell the pioneers by the arrows in their backs."

;Paul Kassner (Krassner?)
"Reality is Silly Putty."

;Talking Heads, "Little Children" album
"Some words cannot be spoken.
Some words will never be pronounced.
That word does not exist in any language.
It has never been uttered by a human mouth."

| ;?
"There is no cure for progress."

;me
"God does not exist. Therefore, we will create him."

;Sean Brann, of Dogzilla
"When you were born
 it seemed
All you ever did was scream.
And you were ugly,
 but hey

;Talking Heads, "Drugs"
"And all I see is little dots
Some are sheared and some are spots
Feels like murder but that's all right
Somebody said there's too much light
Pull down the shade and it's alright
It'll be over in a minute or two."

;The Buzzcocks, "I Believe"
"I believe in the Elixir of Youth.
I believe in Absolute Truth."

;ditto, except mabe the original said "resistance" instead of "assistance"
"The aim of existence
is to offer assistance
to the flow of time."

;Robert Wilson, "The Civil Wars"
"american motors
american capitals
american control
american brands
american cyanamid
american broadcasting
american control
american cyanamid
american precision"

;Shreikback, "Age of the Hammerheads"
"Blessed are the Heat Seekers.
Blessed is the Big Damage."

— ;Robert Wilson, "The Civil Wars"
"monolit figgle federal screw
figgle national presto figgle
electrical nuclear figgle
jiffy industries figgle
diagnostic retrieval automatic switch
ibm forever
never
never
never
never
never
never
never
never
dream
of selling ibm"

;some local band, "let it all hang out"
"I sleep all day
I drive all night
my brain's so numb
I can't stop now"

But there can be no doubt
I gotta keep an open mind.
Let it all hang out!"

;voice-over to titles of 1950s tv show
"High adventures in the wild vast regions of space.
Missions of daring in the name of interplanetary
justice. Travel into the future with Buzz Corey,
commander-in-chief of the Space Patrol."

;"Niel the Horse"
"Making the world safe for musical comedy:
Putting singing, dancing and idealized romance into everyday life."

;David Byrne, liner notes to CD of "Stop Making Sense"
"Nuclear weapons can wipe out life on Earth, if used properly."

— ;ditto
"People will remember you better if you always wear the same outfit."

;ditto
"People look ridiculous when they're in ecstasy."

;ditto
"Space people read our mail. The Space People think that TV
news programs are comedies, and that soap operas are news. The
Space People will contact us when they can make money by doing so.
The Space People think factories are musical instruments. They
sing along with them. Each song lasts from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No
music on weekends."

— ;ditto
"People will do odd things if you give them money.
When everything is worth money, then money is worth nothing."

;ditto
"In the future, women will have breasts all over. In the
future, it will be a relief to find a place without culture. In
the future, plates of food will have names and titles. In the
future, we will all drive standing up. In the future, love will
be taught on television and by listening to pop songs."

;ditto
"Crime is a job.
Sex is a job.
Growing up is a job.
School is a job.
Going to parties is a job.
Religion is a job.
Being creative is a job."

;The Eurythmics, "Sweet Dreams"
"Everybody's looking for something.
Some of them want to use you.
Some of them want to abuse you.
Some of them want to be abused."

"I like blood. It's a primary color."

;John Brunner, "Stand on Zanzibar"
;"Engrelay Satelserv brings you SCANALYZER"

;Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C Clarke, "2001"
"I really think you ought to take a stress pill,
lie down for a while, and think about this."

;?
"Truth comes sooner from error than from confusion."

;Malaclypse the Younger, "Principia Discordia"
"-O great teacher, what is truth?
-Everything is true.
-Even false things?
-Yes, even false things are true.
-How can this be?
-I don't know, man, I didn't make it that way."

~~;Doug Hofstadter~~ *Raymond Smullyan*
"This sentence no verb."

;Alfred Bester, "the stars my destination."
;"Gully Foyle is my name,
; Terra is my nation,
; Deep space is my dwelling place,
; And the stars my destination."
;
;;John Brunner, "Stand on Zanzibar"
;"Fifth of May, Twentyten, Manhattan reports
; mild spring-type wheather under the Fuller dome.
; Ditto on the General Technics Plaza."

;Mao Tse-Tung
"Power grows from the barrel of a gun."

;Gary Trudeau, "Doonesbury"
"The people rejoice according to their needs."

;ditto
"Struggle begets millet."

;Laurie Anderson as I first heard her.
"Great big cars
in long long lines
all looking up at great big signs
that say

HALLELUJAH
BIG SCIENCE"

;Lorenzo Medici? Cesare Borgia?
"Let them hate me, so long as they fear me."

;Yeats~~WW~~, same poem as above
"What rough beast now slouches toward Bethlehem to be born?"

;Monty Python, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" album
"Sex is more fun than logic."

;Mao Tse-Tung
"Let a hundred flowers bloom, let a hundred
schools of thought contend."

;traditional saying of my people
"Power to the people!"

;?
"Power and Glory"

;?
"Arm the poor - Eat the rich."

;Victor Wiesskopf?
"It is not enough to be good; one must also be competent."

;traditional saying of my people
"The stars are ours!"

;Jesus Christ, "Sermon on the Mount"
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
called the children of heaven."

;Stanley Kubrick, "Dr. Strangelove"
"I submit, Mr. President, that we have a choice between two
admittedly regrettable but clearly distinguishable postwar
environments: one where you've got 20 million people dead
and one where you've got 160 million people dead."

;Krishna(?), "Bhagavad Gita"
"I am become as death, the shatterer of worlds"

;"Ozymandias"
"Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!"

;Liebniz
" It is manifest that if we could find characters or
signs appropriate to the expression of all our thoughts as
definitely and exactly as numbers are expressed by
arithmetic or lines by geometrical analysis, we could in all
subjects, in so far as they are amenable to reasoning,
accomplish what is done in Arithmetic and Geometry.

All inquiries which depend on reasoning would be
performed by the transposition of characters and by a kind of
calculus which would directly assist the discovery of elegant
results. We should not have to puzzle our heads as much as we
have to-day, and yet we should be sure of accomplishing
everything the given facts allowed.

... And if someone doubted my results, I should say to
him \"Let us calculate, Sir,\" and so by taking pen and ink we

should soon settle the question."

Jim Morrison of the Doors
;? ~~?~~

"We want the world and we want it now!"

;Rocky Horror Picture Show

"Give yourself over to absolute pleasure,
Swim the warm waters of the sins of the flesh."

;Billy Joel, "Waiting here in Allentown"

"They never told us what was real:
Iron and coal, chromium steel."

;Human Sexual Response, "What does Sex mean to me?"

"They love each other as they love the State."

;ditto

— "They love their work, their work is love, love is no excuse to procreate."

;George Orwell, "1984"

"Big Brother is watching you."

;ditto

"

WAR IS PEACE
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

"

;Thomas Jefferson

"I have sworn upon the altar of almighty God
eternal enmity to any tyranny over the mind of man."

;The new testament

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth
shall make you free."

;the koran

;"In the name of Allah, the compassionate, the merciful:"

;the koran

;"There is no god but Allah, and Mohammad is his prophet."

;?

— "Technology is the death of the impossible."

;Shakespeare

"As flies to wanton boys, so are we to the gods. They kill us
for their sport."

;pg467, Gravity's Rainbow

— "Without money the Vfr was suffocating--the Army had the
money, and was already financing them in roundabout ways. The choice
was between building what the Army wanted--practical hardware--or
pushing on in chronic poverty, dreaming of expeditions to Venus."

;pg467 Gravity's Rainbow

"\nWhere do you think the Army's getting the money?\n" Leni asked.
 \nWhat does it matter? Money is money.\n"
 \nNo!\n"

;pg607 Gravity's Rainbow

"It means this War was never political at all, the politics was all theatre, all just to keep the people distracted. . .secretly, it was instead being dictated by the needs of technology. . .by a conspiracy between human beings and technique, something that needed the energy-burst of war."

;Laurie Anderson

"Rock the cradle.
Rule the world.
Reach for the sky.
Join or die."

;Yeats *Feb*

"Things fall apart, the center cannot hold,
mere anarchy is loosed upon the world."

;Some musical

"Gotta sing! Gotta dance!"

;?

"I like the dreams of the future better than the histories of the past."

;Charles Shultz, "Peanuts"

"There is no problem so large and so serious
that it cannot be run away from."

;Rocky horror picture show

"Sweet patootie, bless my soul,
How I love that rock and roll!"

;?

"Never apologize, never explain"

;Thomas Pynchon

"Events seem to be ordered with ominous logic."

;? *Ronald Reagan*

"You can run, but you can't hide."

;You don't want to know.

"Don't ask us any questions and we might not
tell you any lies."

;?

"Justify the ways of God to Man."

;Bob Dylan

"Don't look back.
You been there."

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;Thomas Disch, "Camp Concentration"

"We must rid ourselves of the old pointillist notions of bombing - of individual, discrete 'bombs.'
Rather we must stive towards a more generalized notion of *bombness*, a sort of aura. I envision it as being rather like the sunrise."

;Simone Weil, NYTimes Book Review 6 dec 1987 pg 95

"There are only the metallic noises, the turning wheels, the bite of metal upon metal; noises that speak neither of nature nor of life, but of the serious, steady, uninterrupted acting of men upon things."

;Simone Weil, NYTimes Book Review 6 dec 1987 pg 95

"Through the wan hours of winter mornings and evenings when only the electric lights are burning, all the senses are participants in a universe where nothing recalls nature, where nothing is gratuitous, where everything is sheer impact, the painful yet conquering impact of man upon matter."

;Julianne Delcanon

"I said to myself, \"Oh no, Brewster's brought home a multimedia presentation.\""

;Phillip K. Dick

"Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away."

;William Gibson, "Hinterlands"

"Flies in an airport, hitching rides.
Flies are advised not to ask too many questions;
flies are advised not to try for the Big Picture."

;William Gibson, some story from the book "Burning Chrome"

"You know what your trouble is? You're the kind that always reads the handbook. . . . If it's new technology, it'll open areas nobody's ever thought of before. You read the manual, man, and you won't play around with it, not the same way."

; "Sam & Max, Freelance Police", issue #2

"I told them kids to keep their arms inside the ride.
Darndest thing I ever saw."

;;; Grateful Dead song subtitle

"The faster we go the rounder we get."

;;; From an CACM issue

;"The First Rule of Program Optimization: Don't do it."

;;; From an CACM issue

;"LISP programmers know the value of everything but the cost of
;nothing."

;A poem off the net

" Imagine your house as a nest of
splinters, waiting for the chance to
sink into your flesh."

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;;; -*- Mode: LISP; Syntax: Common-lisp; Package: USER; Base: 10 -*-
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;;; *****  
;;; this is obsolete as of Sept 28, 1989  
;;; *****
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;;this is Carlf's greatest hits of odd utterances.  
;; I wrote some zmacs hacks to use this file. see "A:>kahle>odd-utterance-driver.l
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;; Carlf dosen't mind stuff being added as long as  
;; (i) If you add something, leave your name and the best attribution you can come  
;; (ii) Carlf gets to arbitrarily remove or edit anything he dosen't like.  
;; (iii) You put your new entries at the head of the list so carlf will notice them  
;; --carlf
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(defvar odd-utterances ())  
(setq odd-utterances '()
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;from justin marble, added by brewster  
"You cannot achieve the impossible without attempting the absurd."
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;"1000 Airplanes On The Roof" by Henry David Hwang  
"There's always room for guests. Each person, arriving, adds one  
person-width to the area of the room. When they leave, they take with them  
their own view of the room."
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;Public Enemy  
"Don't believe the hype."
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;Pop will eat itself  
"OPTIMUS PRIME NOT GALVATRON"
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;?  
"Technology is ruining the world, but we like it that way."
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;Ken Forbus  
"We take credit  
for things our minds do."
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;Jaron Lanier, interview in fall 89 Whole earth review  
"The tragedy of physical reality is that it's mandatory."
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;F. Redondo, "Labor, consumption, data processing and the future" in IFIP 89  
"All this has nothing to do with our wishes, but with the system's own  
logic, which will impose seemingly absurd behaviors upon the actors."
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;Max Q  
"You are born into this world looking into the barrel of a gun."
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;Max Q  
"Whether it's God or The Bomb, its just the same,
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